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Dear Jim, 10/11/75

Before you get to Bud's office yesterday we talked mostly about the Ray case so I'd not have to waste Bud's time with repetition on my visit with Schweiker. I told him that my reading of what Jimmy is not saying in so many words but what I take from what he does say is that his uneasiness with and over Bob are at the point where he may fired him. So, I asked Bud suppose he did? Bud said that now that we are in 6th ct there is not the immediate need for a local lawyer. I said would you dare go to trial with Bob as co-counsel. It is apparent he would not. But he would like to me talk the Bob situation over with Jimmy if I get there, as I still hope to do. I did tell Bud about is it Sentner and civil cases and he seemed interested especially when I told him the man has Tennessee criminal experience.

As we talked about other things he did say that he now feels the Constitutional question may be the main one. I think I had asked him to take steps about the continuing intrusion into Jimmy's mail. He seemed to take it well enough when I asked him if he now understood more fully what I was about and what I knew when I asked him to file a motion on surveillance of counsel. (I am more disappointed now that he didn't having read your effective of is Coplon in particular in the appeal draft.) He said he does and showed no resentment. I think this came up when we were talking about the statue of his CIA case and his feeling it will take more time than it is worth.

I phoned Lil from Bud's office and learned that my hunch was right, as you'll see from his letter. He expresses more uneasiness than he did to you. I think he wants to fire Bob and feels that Bob is continuing to hurt him. This came up because of what Jimmy had written earlier after I wrote him asking him for you to ask Bob not to appear on CBS. This alone gives Jimmy cause. Bob deliberately, clandestinely and as dishonestly and sneakily as possible did do the opposite of what Jimmy asked, the opposite of what he'd written me and he had not done what Jimmy directed, consult with and get Bud's approval before he did anything. He is now after Jimmy on what Jimmy says is a trivial excuse, Blanton's difficulties with the feds, for Jimmy to "tell all" to Blanton in return for a pardon.

The more of this there is the more I'm inclined to believe that the explanation for Bob lies in irrationality. There is a sufficient written record now for there to be serious difficulties for Bob. Only an irrational lawyer would run such risks even if he had connections that would in the end prevent more serious consequences.

After the appeal is filed we should talk about this more. It present two serious problems: the harm to the case to now and the impediment in the future. He can't be trusted to open his mouth in court and outside it he does nothing not insane and at its very best irrelevant.

If I can't go to Stevens Point I think you should and hope you can. There is an afternoon non-stop to Chicago that connects with a plane getting to the Point in time for a quick supper before the meeting. There is a plane to Chicago leaving about 7 a.m. without a long stopover for a through flight back to National. I've taken both and they are still on the schedules. I have checked. You need no special preparation. The speech you made at Maryland is fine. You can ad lib much more and there will, inevitably, be a long question period. However, if I can make it, I think I should for other reasons I have discussed with Dave.

On other things I'll keep you posted one way or the other. I feel good, I am not as uncomfortable as I was yesterday and I really feel that the plateau of which the doctor spoke may have come a day or two earlier. I told him the dates of these two engagements, told him that if it was certain I'd have to cancel I had to let people know, and he did not tell me to cancel...I've even borrowed a small wheelchair to ease the discomfort of moving. But I'm not moving more because I have it. Best HW.
Finished the latest appeal section. It is all great. The best approach, too.